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From: Jennifer McPartland [<mailto:jmcpartland@edf.org>]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:00 AM
To: Burke, Thomas
Cc: Heather Dantzler
Subject: INVITATION: EDF Meeting on Using New Chemical Testing Tools in Neuro Research

Dear Dr. Burke,

Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) would like to invite you to a scientific meeting, *Elucidating Environmental Dimensions of Neurological Disorders and Diseases: Understanding New Tools from Federal Chemical Testing Programs*. The meeting will take place on June 18th and 19th, 2015, at the University of California at Davis, in partnership with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)/National Toxicology Program (NTP) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Neurological disorders and diseases place a heavy toll on American lives and the economy. While there are a handful of well-documented neurotoxins, such as lead and methylmercury, there are many more chemicals suspected of disrupting normal brain development and function and others lacking adequate information entirely. This meeting will bring together scientists of diverse expertise to discuss opportunities and challenges for applying federal chemical high-throughput screening (HTS) data in research focused on neurological disorders and diseases. The two primary goals of the meeting are (1) to increase the external research community's familiarity with federal HTS initiatives and associated data and tools and (2) to open discussion and collaboration among basic researchers and government scientists around the use of HTS data in neuro-related research.

Please find attached to this email: 1) a detailed invitation that provides additional background for this meeting and 2) a preliminary, condensed meeting agenda.

We would appreciate your response to this invitation by Friday, February 6th. Please RSVP and direct logistical questions to Heather Dantzker at heather@dantzker.com. For other questions, please contact Jennifer McPartland at jmcpartland@edf.org. Additional meeting details and a final agenda will be shared with participants closer to the meeting date. NIEHS/NTP is providing a limited number of travel awards to support travel to this meeting. If interested, please visit <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/trvlslchr> to apply. Applications for travel support are due by February 27, 2015. EDF is working to find additional travel support funding. If you are interested in these funds, please let us know so that we can keep you in mind should additional funds become available.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.
Sincerely,
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